



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing to amend the following rules: WAC 388-444-0030 "What additional work requirements and time limits is an able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) subject to in order to be eligible for Basic Food?", WAC 388-444-0040 "Can I volunteer for an unpaid work program in order to meet the work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030?", WAC 388-444-0045 "How does an ABAWD regain eligibility for Basic Food after being closed for the three-month limit", WAC 388-444-0065 "Am I eligible for Basic Food if I quit my job or reduce my work effort", and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.04.515, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.08A.120, RCW 74.08A.903, 7 CFR 273.7, and 7 CFR 273.24.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing to amend rules regarding work registration for able-bodied adults without dependent children. The amendments are needed to comply with Federal Regulations regarding work registration eligibility policies for Basic Food, the Washington Combined Application Project (WASHCAP), Food Assistance Program (FAP) for legal immigrants, and Transitional Food Assistance.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) enforces the provisions of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as enacted in the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act and codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. The department must amend rules that are consistent with the Act, federal regulations, and FNS administrative notices and formal guidance.

The state legislature authorizes the department to administer SNAP and food assistance program for legal immigrants under RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, and RCW 74.08A.120.

DSHS incorporates regulations from the federal agencies, exercises state options, and implements approved waivers of federal regulatory requirements by adopting administrative rules for food assistance programs administered under the Washington Basic Food program.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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